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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Feb-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/21/04	02/14/04
BRO-FRY	156,084	157,862
LT HENS	1,259	1,337
HVY HENS	1,399	1,461

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

WEEK ENDING 14-Feb-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	153	8	161
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	220	0	220
SAME WEEK YR AGO	541	0	541
TO-DATE/2004	1,592	26	1,618
TO-DATE/2003	2,346	43	2,389

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,383	1,327	2,710
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
Last Week	1,337	1,273	2,610
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,334	1,257	3,591
TO-DATE/2004	9,426	7,691	17,117
TO-DATE/2003	12,730	8,330	21,060

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 14-Feb-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	152,505	1,230	1,319	2,549
AVG WT	5.16	3.32	8.02	5.75
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	153,788	1,117	1,273	2,390
SAME WK YR AGO	152,044	1,793	1,257	3,050
AVG WT	5.15	3.43	7.77	5.42
TO-DATE/2004	921,007	7,834	7,665	15,499
TO-DATE/2003	903,375	10,384	8,287	18,671

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.4 million head or 4.1 million head less than or 97% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 07-Feb-2004**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	26,379	27,539	42,299
Avg Weight	3.71	4.81	6.42
% of total /1	27%	29%	44%
 Last week	 21,246	 19,681	 39,011
Avg Weight	3.78	4.73	6.49
% of total /1	27%	25%	49%
 Same week, yr ago /2	 26,723	 27,698	 43,415
Avg Weight	3.75	4.93	6.26
% of total /1	27%	28%	44%
 To date/2004	 108,267	 106,059	 195,981
To date/2003	111,764	106,934	203,077

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 07-Feb-04  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,669	2,403	9	16	4,097
AVG WT	15.39	36.82	25.76	30.39	28.04
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,571	2,295	33	8	3,907
SAME WK YR AGO	1,758	2,504	51	20	4,333
AVG WT	15.77	37.77	24.64	29.17	28.65
TO-DATE/2004	8,365	12,118	181	41	20,705
TO-DATE/2003	8,417	12,993	306	63	21,779

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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